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UPDATE

Tennessee Education Glossary

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The Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has completed an update of the online version of its Tennessee Education Glossary. OREA created the glossary to provide legislators and the general public with a tool for understanding education terms and their relevance to Tennessee. Glossary entries define terms as well as provide pertinent data, explanations of relevant legislation, and links to related OREA reports. The glossary is updated regularly to maintain accuracy and keep up with policy changes.

The 2023 update revised **50 of the over 240 existing glossary entries** with up-to-date definitions, data, and related legislation, where applicable. Updated entries include *charter school authorizer*, *corporal punishment*, *dual enrollment*, *STEM/STEAM*, and *uniform grading*.

OREA has also added **seven** new entries to the online glossary:

- **ApprenticeshipTN:** *marketing initiative launched in 2020 to raise awareness of registered apprenticeship opportunities for employers and workers in every area of Tennessee*
- **driver education:** *programs that educate students on how to safely operate vehicles and follow local traffic laws*
- **Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy:** *public policy think tank and research center located on the University of Tennessee – Knoxville campus*
- **Institute of American Civics:** *institute housed in the Baker Center for Public Policy that promotes and fosters civil discourse and civic engagement through academic coursework, civic education, and relevant programming*
- **nontraditional student:** *a postsecondary undergraduate student who meets at least one of a set of criteria that includes age, financial independence, and employment status*
- **Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA):** *Tennessee's newly adopted state funding formula for K-12 education*
- **workforce alignment:** *achieved when the supply of qualified workers substantially matches employers' demands*

To view the glossary, visit the Comptroller's OREA website at tncot.cc/orea.